

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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The present application is related to commonly assigned and co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 09/697,579 entitled "A METHOD AND AN APPARATUS FOR DYNAMIC COMMAND LINE PARSING IN THE PRESENCE OF MULTIPLE PLUG-IN COMPONENTS," 09/697,449 entitled "A METHOD AND AN APPARATUS TO DYNAMICALLY ORDER FEATURES AND TO RESOLVE CONFLICTS IN A MULTIPLE-LAYER LOGICAL VOLUME MANAGEMENT ENVIRONMENT", and 09/697,450 entitled "A METHOD AND AN APPARATUS FOR VOLUME CREATION IN THE PRESENCE OF MULTIPLE AGGREGATORS", filed on October 26, 2000, and 09/734,811 entitled "A METHOD AND AN APPARATUS TO EXTEND THE LOGIC VOLUME MANAGER MODEL TO ALLOW DEVICE MANAGEMENT PLUG-INS", filed on an even date herewith, are hereby incorporated by reference.

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending in the present application. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

I. Double Patenting

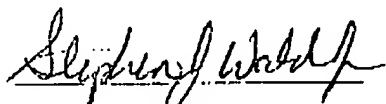
The Office Action rejects claims 1, 15, 17, 28, 30 and 31 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over Rafanello (U.S. Patent No. 6,523,047 B1). Applicants are hereby filing a terminal disclaimer. Applicants respectfully submit that the terminal disclaimer overcomes the obvious type double patenting rejection of claims 1, 15, 17, 28, 30 and 31. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 15, 17, 28, 30 and 31.

II. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the prior art of record and is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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